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Getting the Profits and Politics Out of Medical Marijuana

SAN JOSE, CA – In a memo submitted to the City Council today, Councilmember Rose Herrera calls for a ban on current retail marijuana dispensaries and replacing them with 501(c)3 medical dispensaries or a distribution system run by the County Health Department, prohibition of dispensaries operating within Industrial Parks, and strengthening the medical card identification system to enable verification by law enforcement and dispensaries.

“I believe the current proposals do not go far enough to deal with the substantial problems the expansion of for-profit marijuana dispensaries have created for our kids and the safety of our residents,” states Councilmember Herrera, “Our kids have access to marijuana not because it is located near where they attend school, but because the high number of dispensaries and their retail-like operations makes the substance abundant and cheap.”

Councilmember Herrera’s proposals support access for compassionate use, but they also allow the market to decide exactly how many dispensaries the community needs to ensure safe access for patients without creating a street market.

“I want to protect our children by eliminating the for-profit marijuana market and cover the demand for patients who require access to marijuana for therapeutic use,” says Councilmember Herrera.

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor’s Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and

President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. For more information go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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